

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : :

v. : CRIMINAL NO. 24-cr-407

RYAN STENWICK : :

ORDER

AND NOW, this 14th day of February, 2025, upon consideration of the government's unopposed motion for a protective order, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The Court finds that good cause exists to enter the protective order pursuant to Rule 16(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The Court has considered the "specific examples" of harm and "articulated reasoning" as set forth by the government in its motion. *United States v. Wecht*, 484 F.3d 194, 211 (3d Cir. 2007). The Court has also considered the public interest in the discovery materials and concludes that, at this stage, no First Amendment or common law right of access has attached to the records. *See id.* at 208-11; *North Jersey Media Group v. United States*, 836 F.3d 421, 434-36 (3d Cir. 2016). On balance, the public's interest in the discovery materials is outweighed by the "clearly defined" and potentially "serious injur[ies]" that would result from disclosure. *See Fed. R. Crim. P.* 16(d)(1); *Wecht*, 484 F.3d at 212.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED pursuant to Rule 16(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure that defense counsel may make such use of the discovery materials only as is necessary to prepare for trial and for use at trial and any sentencing hearings. This order does not prohibit counsel from showing these materials to the defendant and discussing these materials at meetings with the defendant or from reading from or discussing these materials in telephone conversations with the defendant. This order also does not prohibit counsel from showing these

materials to, providing copies of these materials to, or discussing the contents of the materials with, any defense experts or defense investigators who are a part of defendant's defense team and are actively working on defendant's defense to the charges of the indictment. However, any expert, investigator, or member of the defense team that is provided access to these materials is bound by the prohibitions of this Order in the same manner as defense counsel and is prohibited from any further copying or dissemination of the materials unless granted permission to do so by subsequent Order of this Court.

BY THE COURT:



HONORABLE GERALD J. PAPPERT
Judge, United States District Court